

The Man From Brodney's

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(CHAPTER XXII—Continued)

"Don't pity me," she cried fiercely. "I cannot endure that."

"Forgive me," I thought, say such things to you. It's as if I were really free."

"You must not think of me as an unhappy ever. Go on your own way. Hollingsworth Chase, and forget that you have known me. You will find happiness with some one else. You have loved before; you can and will love again. I-I have never loved before, but perhaps, like you, I shall love again. You will love again?" she demanded, her lip trembling with an emotion she could not control.

"Yes," he said calmly. "I'll love the wife of Karl Bratetz."

She started violently. Her cheeks went red and white and her eyes widened as her thoughts went back to the naive prophecy in the treasure chamber.

She followed him slowly to the terrace. He stopped in the doorway and hesitated to draw forth his cigarette case. "Shall we wait for the explosion?" he asked without a sign of the emotion that had gone before. She gravely selected a cigarette from the case which he extended. As he lighted his own he watched her draw from her little gold bag a diamond-studded case half filled. Without a word of apology she calmly deposited the cigarette in the case and restored it to the bottom of the bag.

Then she looked up brightly. "I am not smoking, you see," she said, with a smile. "I am saving all of these for you when the famine comes."

"By Jove!" he exclaimed, something like incredulity in the smile that transfigured his face.

"I could be a thrifty housewife, couldn't I?" she asked naively.

At that moment a dull, heavy report as of distant thunder came to their ears. The windows rattled sharply, and the earth beneath them seemed to quiver. Involuntarily she drew nearer to him.

"You could if you had half a chance," he said dryly and then casually remarked the explosion.

CHAPTER XXIII.

LATER on he and Deppingham visited the underground chamber, accompanied by Mr. Britt. They found that the door to the passage had been blown away by the terrific concussion. The subterranean passage at this place was completely filled with earth and stone.

Deppingham stared at the closed mouth of the passage. "They've cut off our exit, but they've also secured us from invasion from this source. I wonder if the beggars were clever enough to carry the plunder above the flood line. If not they've had their work for nothing."

"Selim says there is a cave near the mouth of the passage," said Chase. "The tunnel comes out halfway up the side of the mountain overlooking the sea, and the hole is very carefully screened by the thick shrubbery. Trust Von Blitz to do the safe thing."

"I don't mind Von Blitz escaping so much," Chase said, his lips curving. "As I do the unfortunate closing of what may have been our only way to leave the chateau in the end."

"You must think me an ungrateful fool," said Chase bitterly. He had already stated his position clearly.

"Not at all, old chap. Don't get that into your head. I only meant that a hole in the ground is worth two warships that won't come when we need 'em."

Chase looked up quickly. "You don't believe that I can call the cruisers?"

"Oh, come now, Chase; I'm not a damned native, you know."

The other grinned amiably. "Well, you just wait, as the boys say. After satisfying themselves that there was no possibility of the enemy ever being able to enter the chateau through the collapsed passage the trio returned to the upper world."

Robert Browne and Lady Agnes were seated on the edge of the fountain in Apollo's grotto, conversing earnestly, even eagerly, with Mr. Bowles, who stood before them in an unmistakable attitude of indecision and perturbation. Deppingham gave Chase a look which plainly revealed his uneasiness.

"You don't mean to say, Lord Deppingham, that you're afraid the heirs will follow the advice of that rattle-headed Saunders," said Chase, with a laugh. "Why, it wouldn't hold in court for a second. Ask Britt."

Britt cleared his throat. "Not for half a second," he said. "I'm only wondering if Bowles has authority to grant divorces."

"I dare say he has," said Deppingham, tugging at his mustache. "He's—by a magistrate."

"Impossible!" he said, half aloud. He looked up and saw that the princess was staring at him questioningly. He shook his head without thinking.

Despair settled upon the white people. They were confronted by a new and serious peril—poison. At no time could they feel safe.

One of the stable boys volunteered to carry a note from Chase to Rasula, asking the opportunity to lay a question of grave importance before him. Chase suggested to Rasula that he should meet him that evening at the west gate, under a flag of truce. The tone of the letter was more or less peremptory.

Rasula came, silent but curious. At first he would not believe, but Chase was firm in his denunciation of Jacob von Blitz. Then he was pleased to accuse Chase of duplicity and double dealing, going so far as to charge the deposed American with plotting against Von Blitz to further his own ends in more ways than one. At last, however, he agreed to follow the advice of the American—grudgingly, to be sure, but none the less determined.

"You will find everything as I have stated it, Rasula," said Chase. "I'm sorry you are against me, for I would be your friend. I've told you how to reach the secret cave. The chests are there. The passage is closed. You can trap him in the attempt to rob the bank. I could have taken him red-handed and given him over to Lord Deppingham, but you would never have known the truth. Now I ask you to judge for yourselves. Give him a fair trial, Rasula, as you would any man accused of crime—and be just. If you need a witness—an eyewitness—call on me. I will come, and I will appear against him. I've been honest with you. I am willing to trust you to be honest with me."

CHAPTER XXIV.

DEPPINGHAM FALLS ILL. THAT evening Lord Deppingham took to his bed with violent chills. He shivered and burned by turns and spent a most distressing night. Bobby Browne came in twice to see him before retiring. For some reason unknown to any one but himself, Deppingham refused to be treated by the young man, notwithstanding the fact that Browne had claim to a physician's certificate and professed to be especially successful in breaking up "the ague." Lady Agnes entreated her liege lord to submit to the doses, but Deppingham was resolute to intransigence.

"A Dover's powder, Deppy, or a few grains of quinine. Please be sensible. You're just like a child."

"What's in a Dover's powder?" he demanded the patient, who had never been ill in his life.

"Ipecac and opium, sugar of milk or sulphate of potash. It's an anodyne diaphoretic," said Browne.

"Opium, eh?" came sharply from the couch. "Good Lord, an overdose of it would—" He checked the words abruptly and gave vent to a nervous fit of laughter.

"Don't be a fool, George," commanded his wife. "No one is trying to poison you."

"Who's saying that he's going to poison me?" demanded Deppingham shortly. "I'm objecting because I don't like the idea of taking medicine from a man just out of college."

"I've just given my wife a powder, old man. She's got a nervous headache," urged Browne tolerantly.

"Your wife?" exclaimed Deppingham, sitting up. "The devil!" He looked hard at Browne for a moment. "Oh, I say, now, old chap, don't you think it's rather too much of a coincidence?"

Browne arose quickly, a flash of resentment in his eyes. "See here, Deppingham!"

"I apologize, Browne," said Deppingham hastily. "I'm not afraid of your medicine. I'm only thinking of my wife. If I should happen to die, don't you know, there would be people who might say that you could have cured me. See what I mean?"

"You dear old goose!" cried his wife. "I fancy Selim or Ballo or even Bowles knows what a fellow does himself with when he's bowled over by one of these beastly island ailments. Oblige me, Agnes, and send for Bowles."

He immediately recommended an old-fashioned Dover's powder and ventured the opinion that a "good sweat" would soon put his lordship on his feet, "better than ever." Deppingham kept Bowles beside him while Browne generously prepared and administered the medicine.

Later in the night the princess came to see how the patient was getting on. He was in a dripping perspiration.

Genevra drew a chair up beside his couch and sat down. Lady Agnes was yawning sleepily over a book.

"Do you know, I believe I'd feel better if I could have another chill," he said. "I'm so beastly hot now that I can't stand it. Aggy, why don't you turn out on the balcony for a bit of fresh air? I'm a brute to have kept you moping in here all evening."

(To be continued.)

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and is the COLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

ARTICLE II.

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ARTICLE VIII.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation is at any time to subject itself, shall in no case exceed Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE IX.

The private property of the stockholders of this corporation shall be exempt from any and all liability for the corporation debts of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26th day of August, A. D. 1909.

P. J. COLE (SEAL)

A. C. COLE (SEAL)

A. G. OLIVER (SEAL)

P. J. COLE, JR. (SEAL)

GEO. B. HILL (SEAL)

TERRITORY OF ARIZONA,

County of Gila, ss:

Before me, Norman J. Johnson, a Notary Public in and for the County of Gila, Territory of Arizona, on this day personally appeared P. J. Cole, A. C. Cole, A. G. Oliver, P. J. Cole, Jr., and Geo. B. Hill, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 26th day of August, A. D. 1909.

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